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## Princess In Greece



The Mayor of Piraeus, who has just presented a bouquet to Princess Elizabeth, is addressing to her a few words of welcome. On the Princess' left is King Paul of Greece, behind them Queen Frederika of Greece and the Duke of Edinburgh.

## Former President Of US Makes Isolationist Speech

New York, Dec. 20.

Former president Herbert Hoover said last night that the United States has lost the war in Korea, and warned that an attempt to defend disunited Europe would mean "inviting another Korea."

### US Civil Defence Plan Approved

Washington, Dec. 20. The House of Representatives today approved a master plan for civil defence designed to prepare America to deal with the dangers and problems of atomic attack. The plan goes next to the Senate.

The legislation would establish a Federal civil defence administration to direct a preparedness programme expected to cost \$100,000,000 over a three-year period.

During debate in the House references were made to the possibility of Russia bombing American industrial cities in the event of war.—Reuter.

Mr Hoover said the first duty of the United States is to save itself. "We shall not fail in this," he said, "even if we have to stand alone."

The ex-President said: "Before we land another man or dollar on their shores, the United States should wait to see if the nations of Europe can marshal enough strength to defend themselves. 'Otherwise we shall be inviting another Korea,' he said in a nation-wide radio speech.

The war in Korea was already lost because "even if we could sacrifice more American boys to maintain a foothold on the peninsula, we know we shall not succeed at the present time in the mission given to us by 50 members of the United Nations."

He proposed that the United States make its own shores secure. China, India or Eastern Europe would become "graveyards of millions of American boys if the United States attempted to fight Communist armies there."

# EISENHOWER'S POWERS Final Say In European Defence Merger

## Equal Treatment For German Army

Brussels, Dec. 20.

General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of West European defence, will have the final say on the merging of Western Union and the new Atlantic Pact Organisation, decided on today by the Brussels Treaty Powers.

At the 10th Consultative conference today the five Foreign Ministers of the Brussels group decided that this was a logical consequence of the action taken yesterday by the 12 North Atlantic Treaty Powers.

The five Foreign Ministers—of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—in a formal statement after their talks, had announced that the Western Union Defence Organisation was to be reorganised.

A spokesman said that "the Western Union General Staff" would not go on as it was now, but there must be individual commands for each region.

"The Germans will be treated on a footing of equality as far as possible—that is the attitude of the Ministers," he said. Asked what region Germany would be linked with in the new Atlantic Command, the spokesman said that this had not been raised "but I should not think there would be much doubt about it."

The Ministers had insisted that the defence clauses of the Brussels Treaty signed in March 1948 would not be changed, he added, backing up the Ministers' statement that reorganisation would "in no way affect the obligations which the five countries have undertaken in virtue of the Brussels Treaty."

General Eisenhower has already started to build up an international General Staff to assist him in the defence of Western Europe—quarters close to the Atlantic Organisation said.

Telephone calls and cables are pouring out of General Eisenhower's office, keeping him in touch with the military men he has picked as his subordinate commanders, said the same spokesman.

Once he has found the men he wants the nominations will go to member governments for their approval.

General Eisenhower will have a free hand to pick the best men for the job, irrespective of nationality, said a North Atlantic spokesman.

The three Western High Commissioners in Germany

## Pope's Broadcast At Christmas

Vatican City, Dec. 20. The Pope will broadcast his Christmas message to the world at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Vatican Radio will transmit the address on short-wave in conjunction with the Italian and Spanish networks and the Swiss radio station of Mont Ceneri.—Reuter.

## Hungnam Heights Retaken

Hungnam Beachhead, Dec. 20.

North Korean shock troops drove American troops off a hill overlooking Hungnam early on Tuesday. The Americans counter-attacked within an hour and retook the hill from the small but hard-charging North Korean force.

A Marine officer said an artillery barrage was being laid down on the plains and hills surrounding Hungnam.

The never-lifting wall of flying steel may have been a reason that the Communists have not thrown a serious attack against the beachhead since last Friday morning.

The Reds hit hard at only one position in the north-east on Tuesday night, mauling a platoon of the Third Division but failing to crack through ridge-line positions.

Carrier-based planes flew 154 sorties against the Reds massed outside the beachhead, killing an estimated 700 Reds.

Seventy-four missions were close support flights.

ATTACK EXPECTED

As the siege dragged into the second week, the Americans were still waiting for another major attack.

It is known that re-equipped North Korean troops have joined the Chinese forces near Hamhung, although not more than four divisions were believed to be within striking distance of the American lines.

So far, the United States troops have not been pushed.

A single position permanently occupied by Chinese and North Koreans was abandoned voluntarily by United Nations forces in a withdrawal into the lighter perimeter.—United Press.

Trafficking Charge

Tokyo, Dec. 20. The Public Prosecutor in Yokohama today indicted two men on charges of selling 35 young girls to entertainment houses in the course of the past few years, according to the news paper, Tokyo Shimbun, today.

The men, both past 50 years of age, were alleged to have received between 1,000 to 5,000 yen (£1 to £5) for each of the girls introduced.—Reuter.

## British Officers Stop South Korea Execution

With the British troops in Korea, Dec. 20.

Two British officers today halted the execution of about 40 prisoners by South Korean military police.

The officers, who were acting under the order of the Commander of the British 29th Brigade, saved 17 from shooting. The execution was being carried out a few hundred yards from the Brigade Headquarters.

Brigadier Thomas Brodie said tonight: "I am not going to have people executed on my doorstep. My officers will stop executions in my area within view of my troops."

The two officers, who did not wish their names to be disclosed at this stage, said tonight that they saw two open motor lorries being driven through their area at about 5.30 p.m.

The lorries were crowded with prisoners cowering with their heads bent. About five Korean military police were in each vehicle.

The officers hurried to their Brigade Headquarters and returned with an interpreter.

One of the officers tonight said: "We saw nine of the prisoners being marched towards

a long wide trench. We halted them and told the interpreter to tell the Korean officer in charge to stop the killing."

WOMAN SURVIVOR

"In the trench were about 23 dead and dying."

"Through the interpreter, I told the Korean officer to ensure that all were dead before filling in the grave and to get to hell out of here."

The Korean officer was a second lieutenant of the military police. He did not seem at all pleased but did as he was told and took the survivors back to Seoul Prison.

"One of the survivors was a woman. We guessed her age to be about 14 but the Korean interpreter said that she was 21."

By Leo Falk and Phil Davis

### BOMB NOT DOMINANT

"We Americans should use sea and air power to control the Atlantic and Pacific oceans so as to prevent an invasion of the Western hemisphere by Communist armies. They can no more reach Washington in force than we can reach Moscow. The atomic bomb is a far less dominant weapon than it was once thought to be." He did not elaborate on the reference to the bomb.

Mr Hoover said that even without Europe, Americans need have no cause for hysteria about the future or security of the nation following his suggestions and arms its air and naval forces to the teeth.

TEST FOR EUROPE

Mr Hoover added: "We can continue to aid the hungry of the world. Out of our productivity we can give arms to other nations when they have already displayed spirit and strength in defence against Communism."

Western Europe must defend itself. "The test is whether they have the spiritual force and will and acceptance of unity among them by their own volition."

The United States had tried with unparalleled effort and sacrifice to achieve European unity, but so far had failed.

"Western Europe, to warrant further aid, must express itself in organised and equipped combat divisions of such huge numbers as will hold erect a knee against the Red flood."—United Press.

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# Britain May Be Forced To Increase Rearmament

## Canadian Force For Britain?

Ottawa, Dec. 20. Canadians would not be surprised if the Dominion's special army force, 10,000 strong, and three R.C.A.F. fighter squadrons were on guard in Britain and on the Continent next year, the Canadian Press said today. —Reuter.

## FRONTIER POSTS ON THE ALERT

Teheran, Dec. 20.

All gala celebrations and parties, except the reception prepared for the wedding of the Shah of Persia next week, have been cancelled in view of the international situation, a Government spokesman stated today.

The Prime Minister said that frontier posts had been alerted. Although Persia did not wish to take part in any war, she would defend her frontiers if attacked. The world was nearer war than ever, he said, and he appealed for unity.

The Shah, Mohammed-Reza Pahlavi, is to marry Miss Soraya Esfandiari, daughter of a Persian dignitary and a German mother, on Dec. 27. But the wedding may have to be postponed.

The bride-to-be, who has just recovered from a typhoid attack, was said to be ill again today with a high temperature.

The Shah has ordered all funds for wedding gifts from the Persian people to be deposited in a special account opened in the Persian National Bank. —Reuter.

## Big Three Reply To Russia

Brussels, Dec. 20.

The "Big Three" reply to the Russian proposal for a four-Power conference on Germany will be handed in at the Soviet Foreign Office on Friday, usually reliable sources said here today.

It will take the form of identical notes delivered by the British, French and American embassies in Moscow.

Diplomatic sources here understood that they do not fully turn down the Russian suggestion, but propose a meeting of the Foreign Ministers' deputies first to work out an agenda.

There was no question of the Western Powers being willing to discuss only the demilitarisation of Germany. —Reuter.

## Sarah Churchill On Television

New York, Dec. 20.

Sarah Churchill, actress daughter of Mr. Winston Churchill, made her colour television debut today when she gave a portion of the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet." It was also Shakespeare's first colour television appearance.

The special programme was to demonstrate Columbia Broadcasting System's colour television, which is seen in New York and relayed to Philadelphia by coaxial cable. —United Press.

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Cornel WILDE  
"TWO FLAGS WEST"

Britain will soon have to consider increasing her rearmament programme beyond the £3,600 million provisionally allocated for the next three years, an authoritative source said here today.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was expected to bring back plans for an accelerated defence effort from the Atlantic Council conference in Brussels.

A further increase would probably involve the direction of labour and other controls which have been lifted in Britain since 1945.

Among the controls which would be imposed would be price control and there would probably be closer supervision over the allocation of raw materials (aluminium, for example, to a large extent here). The Cabinet will probably meet during the Christmas week to discuss boosting the rearmament drive.

It was pointed out that the proposed £3,600 million ex-

## Must Be Case Of "Pay As We Go"

London, Dec. 20.

Britain's rearmament policy must be one of "pay as we go," Mr. Hugh Galskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared here tonight.

"We have got to rearm and rearm swiftly," he told the Institute of Exporters at its Christmas dinner.

"But it must not throw away our recovery nor sacrifice the economic independence which we have just regained. Nor must we, by cutting down too far the supply of new equipment for industry, weaken the foundation of our future industrial progress."

"In tackling the economic problems of defence, therefore, our policy must be as far as we can, to pay as we go. Whatever steps are practicable and feasible to achieving this end the Government must and will take." —Reuter.

penditure on arms was never intended to be a fixed limit. Indications were that it would be "markedly increased," the source said.

At present Britain's arms drive was in a preliminary stage and it might not be possible immediately to spend very much more than originally planned.

An increase in the overall figure would mean that further preparations were being made for greater production later on. The Government are fully aware of the hardships which will be imposed on the country by the imposing of the controls to speed up the rearmament drive.

The Government, however, are determined to give General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, every possible assistance in building up the Atlantic Pact forces.

There is a strong feeling in Government circles here that now that Britain has apparently emerged from her major economic difficulties she should play a more leading role in world affairs.

This would involve putting her point of view more strongly in policy-making conferences and backing up decisions of those conferences with all the means in her power. —Reuter.

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## DEFENCE OF THE AMERICAS

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Organisation of the American States Council today agreed to convene a meeting in Washington of American Foreign Ministers to consult on hemispheric defence against the threat of Communist aggression. The Council acted at the request of the United States. It agreed to appoint a committee to fix the exact date of the meeting, but Ambassadors on the Council in their discussions generally agreed it should be held during the last half of February.

The committee will also determine in consultations with American Governments the agenda, and will draft the regulations of the meeting.

The agenda is expected to include political, military and economic matters relating to the internal security of American countries and their protection against any attacks from abroad. —United Press.

## Alaska Blackout

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Air Force said on Wednesday the "blackout" precautions in Alaska were ordered by the local theatre commander and do not apply to other theatres.

Alaska is an Air Force command. A spokesman added, however, that military training in Alaska was "pretty realistic." —United Press.



Army life suits the Horlock family down to the ground. Sergeant Elsie Horlock (above) of the WRAC Training Establishment at Hindhead has been "in" for 10 years and loved every minute of it. Her father, sister and eight brothers have all served in the Army and four and four brothers are still serving. Here Sergeant Elsie stirs a Christmas pudding.

## America To Speed Iranian Aid Plan

Washington, Dec. 20.

United States Ambassador to Iran Henry Grady conferred with President Truman on Wednesday and afterwards said the President will personally direct a speed-up in United States economic and military assistance for Iran.

Mr. Grady said this help would be in the form of a \$25,000,000 loan from the Export and Import Bank and some military aid under the general foreign assistance bill. The amount of the latter was not a public figure, but last year amounted to \$12,000,000.

Mr. Grady said action on both these projects had been rather slow, and the main purpose of his trip to Washington was to speed up activity.

He would return on Thursday to his post, satisfied that he had obtained assurances on this point.

He added, economic assistance for Iran is being negotiated with the International Bank and he was hopeful of some action from the Bank.

He pointed out this is not an agency of the United States Government and that therefore Washington officials alone could not decide what the Bank will do. Other assistance was being granted under the "Point Four" programme. This form of aid is farthest along in Iran than in any other country.

The Ambassador discounted recent reports of a pro-Soviet swing in Iran, saying while there might be a current swing of the pendulum in that direction, the people of Iran, from the Shah down, are basically friendly to the West.

He said: "Of course, they have opposition, but the people of the country as a whole are definitely sympathetic with the Western democratic countries." The fact that Iran borders on Russia makes it necessary to adopt a policy of neutrality and more or less friendliness, but this does not mean enmity for democratic countries.

Any recent tendency toward friendly relations with the Soviet Union might be due to the Moscow Government taking a more conciliatory attitude toward Iran recently. He cited the trade pact by which Russia undertook to buy some surplus agricultural products from southern Iran, and also set up a boundary commission to deal

## DEATH OF MALTESE PREMIER

Valletta, Malta, Dec. 20.

An emergency meeting of the Maltese Cabinet was called today after the death of the 65-year-old Prime Minister, Dr. Enrico Mizzi.

Later Dr. George Oliver, a Cabinet Minister, called on the Governor, Sir Gerald Creary, and it was considered likely that he would succeed Dr. Mizzi.

Dr. Oliver is Minister of Works, Reconstruction and Education.

Crowds of people, including members of the Legislative Assembly, paid their last respects today to the Prime Minister, whose body lay in state.

Dr. Mizzi, who died early this morning, had been working in bed until last night. —Reuter.

## US Ships In Naples

Naples, Dec. 20.

The United States cruiser Newport News, with seven destroyers, two minelayers and two submarines of the Modigliani class, arrived here today to spend Christmas and the New Year. —Reuter.

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## DON IDDON'S DIARY

**No punches pulled in the great U.S. slanging match**

**No expense spared in the Christmas shopping spree**

**PREFACE** this column with the assertion that Miss Margaret Truman is the world's most gifted slinger. It is a sensible precaution.

Having now avoided possible Presidential threats of a broken nose, blackened eyes, and smashed ribs I can get on with my report on America.

Why is President Truman's boiling-point so low? What made him write such an abusive letter to the music critic of the Washington Post?

The answer is sheer nervous strain. Mr. Truman can no longer abide criticism. He has worked and worn himself ragged. His advisers are suggesting that he doesn't write any more letters without consulting his Cabinet, and does not indulge in off-the-cuff answers to questions at his regular Press conferences.

The letter offering to punch the Washington Post's Paul Hume on the nose was one of several similar efforts Mr. Truman has dashed off in recent weeks.

Of course, these generous, impetuous, most likeable juveniles all hurl equally harsh epithets at each other.

Mrs. Roosevelt, Dean Acheson, and the President himself are the target for limitless Billingsgate. Even General MacArthur, who has been above and beyond criticism for so long here, is now being attacked.

There is a tumultuous national argument building up over MacArthur, but as it is an American family row, better keep out.

This is the time of wilful destruction of idols. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a public hero for 20 years or more, is suddenly being slapped in the face and kicked in the shins by a self-styled Liberal.

A book, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation," by Max Lowenthal, a lawyer, is gunning for the head G-man and takes deadly aim. The friends of Hoover are furious and the brawl over the book is almost as fierce as the row raging about MacArthur.

World War III talk has diminished. Whatever the Prime Minister did or did not do, he has somehow succeeded in making a lot of Americans believe that the world war will not take place next week.

His appearance on the screens at most cinemas is received here in unenthusiastic silence, but only the idiot-fringe are suggesting that the Atlee-Truman conferences were not worthwhile.

Come again Clement, and bring Winston with you.

Despite the crisis, or perhaps because of it, the Christmas delirium is even more feverish. Many Americans are acting as if this is their last Christmas before the great debacle. They are determined to have a gigantic spree, a shopping orgy to dwarf anything ever rung up by the cash-registers.

**Stores jammed**

The spending is recklessly extravagant. The people are throwing their money on to the counters as if it were trampled, buying goods and gifts at any price. They are flinging their dollars away as if they expected to be shifted to the atomic shelters in Denver and the Rockies by New Year.

All buyer-resistance seems to have collapsed, so the merchants are charging murderous prices and getting away with it. The stores are packed from opening to closing hour, and every avenue is jammed with men, women, and children carrying parcels.

I do not blame them for these excesses. The predictions of what life is to be like in 1951 are dire and blood-chilling. Only two dozen pairs of nylon stockings, only 21in. thick steaks. Only 5,000,000, instead of 8,000,000, new cars. Only enough petrol to drive 1,000 miles per day. Only two television sets and three radios per home. Only one million billion chocolate-malted ice-cream sodas and strawberry sundaes.

I tell you the American way of life is going to be tough. The U.S. is going to be really up against it, struggling along with a mere 99 percent of the world's refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, washing machines, and luxury yachts.

And the lame duck Congress just quacks there is vague talk of freezing prices and wages, but inflation is so obese that the good old days are beginning to mean last week.

About the only luxury that people have given up since the crisis is the lavish fashion magazine, *Flair*. *Flair* is finished—and the beautiful Fleur Cowles has announced that publication has ceased. By contrast another Cowles enterprise, the magazine *Quick*, Lilliputian lollipop for bird brains, is making millions.

Of course, austerity may be waiting in the wings, but I see no signs. The city shines in luxury. The women walk in silk and satins cushioned against the cold by mink.

**Going to the dog**

There is a new gold cloth here, a 24-carat gold film, which transforms fabrics into shining armour. Lovely to look at and wonderful to wear. There are jewels on stockings—rhinestones on nylon, hanging hearts, tiny flowers trimming ankles. The girls glitter more brightly than Christmas trees, and the trend to fur has become a headlong rush.

The dogs are smart too—only \$6 for a neat little tartan jacket with velvet collar and special brass fittings for the precious poodle. The prices have not crept yet towards the kennel.

Naturally, the passion for pleasure before the worst happens is filling the entertainment houses. It's more difficult to get a theatre seat than a chair at Lake Success. Night life thrives.

And the most fêted pair on Broadway are Mr. and Mrs. Rex Harrison, the fabulous husband-and-wife team who have made John van Druten's "Bill, Book, and Candle" blaze.

Another British pair, Michael and Pamela Berry, have been lighting up Hollywood. The Ronald Colmans were their hosts at the film city's most successful party for days.

Flora Robson continues to decorate the theatrical season and is spending most of her money sending hams and parcels home. Anna Neagle and Herbert Wilcox are two of our best ambassadors.

The biggest hit on television (after Sir Gladwyn Jebb) is Jimmy Durante.

The film star Eric Johnston has had his contract extended for five years, although his deal still has three years to run.

General MacArthur has informed Danny Kaye and Edward G. Robinson that their trip to Korea has been cancelled—the military position is too critical.

**Then the apology**

FREQUENTLY he sends notes blaring with anger and abuse to owners of newspapers, chairmen of corporations, business men, and industrialists when he finds himself at odds with them. Usually, in the public interest, the people who receive the letters file them away and don't let them leak into print.

Generally a Presidential letter of apology follows the first angry note.

Recently Mr. Truman told a Press conference that he was really going to "bust loose" on the reporters one of these days. Today he is doing that.

The furious letter to the music critic perhaps doesn't matter; angry, hasty comments on the atom bomb, international relations, and the Korean situation do.

**Britain's chance**

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S wrathful eruptions are being exceeded by large numbers of Americans. There is quite a slanging match. Perhaps it is time the British stepped forward quietly and reassured world leadership, or shouldered at least half the burden. We are more fitted by temperament, training, and experience for such jobs.

**The Reds look on**

MESSRS. Wu and Vystinsky must be having a very happy time. At least they are being given the plain truth that the Americans are ferocious fighters and they are casting their own diatribes in a most strange pitch.

World War III talk has diminished. Whatever the Prime Minister did or did not do, he has somehow succeeded in making a lot of Americans believe that the world war will not take place next week.

**A British Crossword Puzzle**

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**Hospital To Use Mechanical Heart On Human Beings**

A surgeon announced in Cleveland, Ohio, that a new mechanical heart is ready for trial on human beings. If it works it will open a new era of chest and lung surgery and may even bring human beings back from death.

It is being kept ready in the operating room at Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, waiting for the first need of it, said Dr. Charles Bailey, renowned heart surgeon of Hahnemann Medical college.

The mechanical heart's first use will probably be to try to revive a person whose heart has stopped beating—one who is clinically dead.

Dr. Bailey thinks it will work and also thinks it could have saved Al Jolson, famed singer who died October 23 from a blood clot blocking his heart.

A compact glass-encased machine the size of a small console radio substitutes for both heart and lungs. Through plastic tubes it draws dark red waste-laden blood from the veins. The steel lung gives oxygen to the blood.

A special pump no larger than the human heart pulses bright red, refreshed blood back into the artery. The machine can completely detour all blood around the body's own heart and lungs.

This means surgeons could open a bloodless living heart with time and clear vision for new and better kinds of heart operations.

This worked successfully on dogs, keeping one dog alive for 71 minutes while the spare heart circulated its blood. Dr. Bailey told the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Chest Physicians.

The dog's own heart took over the job again when the machine was disconnected and the dog recovered completely, the surgeon said.

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# Spain Faces Worst Winter Since War

Madrid.

Soaring living costs and a continued drought have left Spain facing this winter in the worst economic condition since the civil war, according to informed quarters.

These sources, who two months ago thought Spain had weathered the worst of her postwar economic recession, were frankly alarmed over the present inflationary trend.

Prices of eggs, butter, bread, sugar and other such basic food items have risen as much as 30 percent in the last few weeks. Price tags are being changed upward daily.

**POWER IS PROBLEM**

A slight rise in food prices at this time of the year was normal for Spain, but observers described the current upward spiral as inflation in its most dangerous form.

If the current drought continues, bringing with it further inflation of prices, these quarters fear the nation's industry may come near a standstill.

Nowhere in Spain today is industry operating more than 10 hours a week on regular power, they said. To continue operation, factories are forced to use expensive, makeshift power arrangements, thus adding to production costs.

Spanish recorders registered an increase instead of a decline last week for the first time since June. But it was only a two percent rise, leaving the overall situation still critical.

**LIVING COSTS**

Informed quarters said living costs between January and September of this year increased by 10 percent, as opposed to a normal increase during the period of about two percent.

Food prices rose even higher during October, but during the past weeks they have literally soared.

Much of the current inflation is attributed to a delayed result of last spring's general wage increases of about 40 percent.

They pointed out that a similar inflationary wave followed the 1948 general round of wage increases.

A mid-year survey of Spain's economic condition indicated the country had hit rock bottom in the postwar slump early this year but foreign trade figures showed the trend had been reversed by the end of May.

**REGISTERED PROGRESS**

As a result, the January through May tally showed an overall foreign trade balance favourable to Spain for the first time in years.

Spain also registered progress during the first half of the year in other fields. Fishing and fish packing, though still badly off, increased in volume and value over 1949. Agricultural production, though far below pre-civil war levels, was up slightly over last year. Mine output showed a general increase over the first half of 1949, despite the handicap of obsolete equipment. Railway reconstruction registered some badly needed progress, but was held up by a shortage of foreign exchange.

But these gains all took place before the current devastating drought set in and before living costs began their upward spiral.

**AMERICAN AID**

On the other side of the ledger, the recent United States aid lifting—the counterbalancing duty on Spanish almonds will mean an estimated \$2,000,000 yearly for Spain which she has not been receiving in the past. And the release by President Truman of the \$62,500,000 Congressional loan will help more.

But with some observers placing Spain's overall recovery needs at between \$700,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000, few believed the loan can do more than partially meet the nation's most urgent needs in agriculture and possibly industry.

**GUARDS TO GET NEW UNIFORMS**

It is expected that soon the Guards will be resplendent in new ceremonial uniforms.

This was announced at a recent dinner of the Oxfordshire branch of the Grenadier Guards Comrades' Association by Colonel E.H. Gouburn, Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the Grenadier Guards, who said: "We are just about to get our new full dress—and it is about time, too, for our old ones were getting to the greasy stage and were more or less worn out."

Commenting on the difficulty of replacing the bearskin head-dress, the Colonel said: "Apparently it is no longer profitable to shoot bears or whatever animal it is that provides the material for them and there has been some difficulty, but I am told that arrangements have been made to get some sort of ersatz or utility bearskins."

The Guards are likely to wear wolfskins when their present bearskin head-dress needs replacement because bears are not shot in large enough numbers nowadays. Most present bearskins were bought from Russia, North America and some from Canada. The Russians are not exporting them now, and bear-trapping in Canada and America is not what it used to be. Changing fashions have had their effect on demand, too, for women no longer wear the fur any more.

**ALTERNATIVE SKINS**

Alternative skins for head-dress have been shown to the Guards. One was black dyed sheepskin, curly as astrakhan, but they seemed to prefer the more traditional appearance of the wolfskin, which has shorter hair than the bearskin, but is similar in looks. Since however a Guardsman's bearskin lasts 15 years, the change is not expected to take place for about five years.

A military tailor estimates that at present-day prices tunics for 80 officers and 1,725 Guardsmen would cost around about £15,000. In 1939 Guardsmen's trousers cost under £1 per pair; it has now risen at least 150 percent in price.

The scarlet beaver cloth of a Guardsman's tunic is of special manufacture and resembles thick "hunting pink" in texture. Before the war it was made in Stroud. Today it is almost out of production. When it was available the cost of cutting an NCO's tunic worked out at £4.2s.6d. For an officer the figure was approximately £40.

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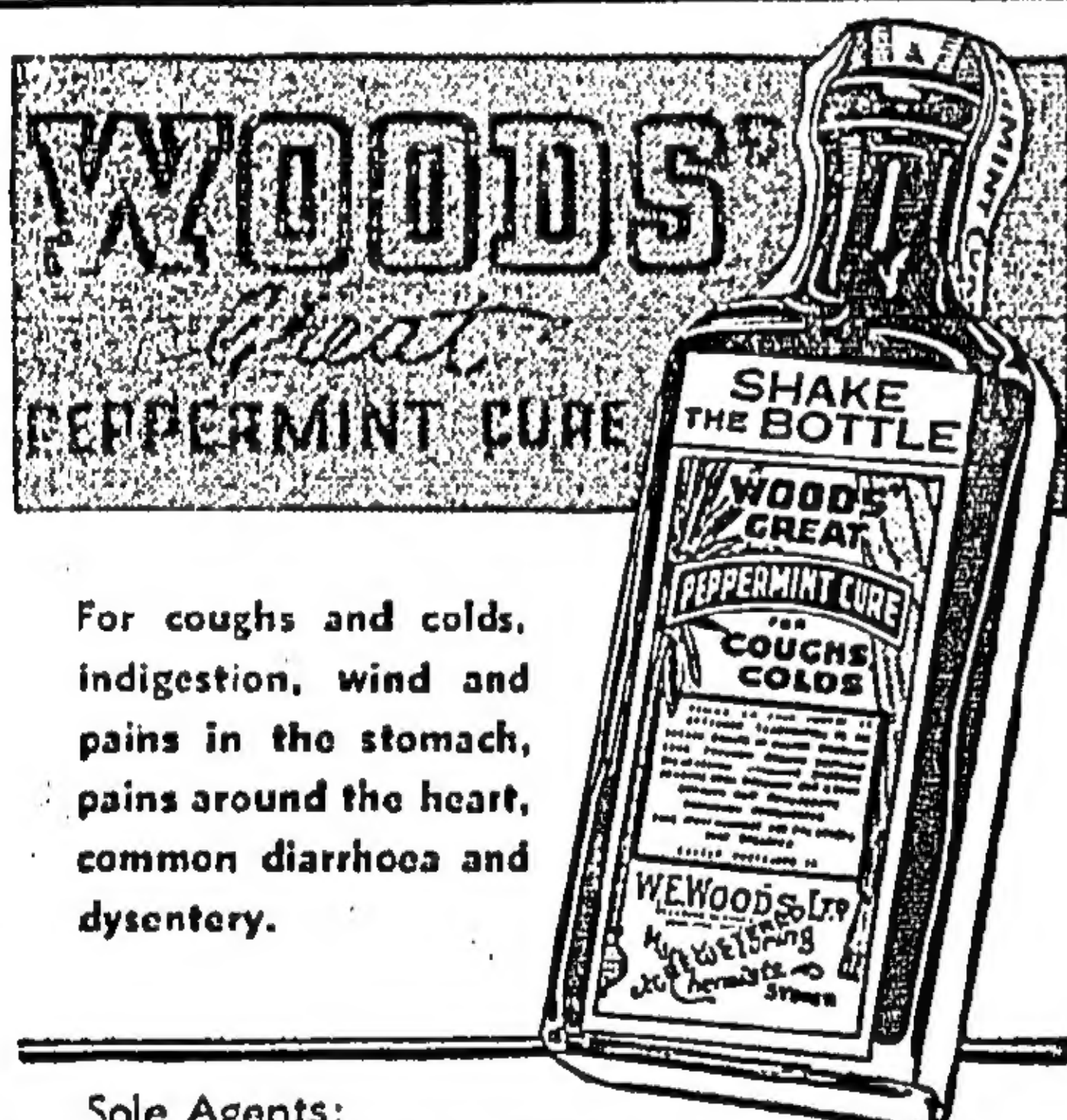
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# GERMANY IS ON HER FEET AGAIN

By ALEX. M. CASSELS

**A** PATHETIC, solitary figure picking through the snow to the debris beneath; gigantic ice-floes hurtling down the swiftly-flowing Rhine; black-market dealers awaiting on the Schadowstrasse the Church Army Canteen's closing time; emaciated children begging soldiers to bring them something to eat; everywhere material and moral desolation.

That was Dusseldorf—and Germany—as I saw it in February 1947.

Later I was to stand on the Rhine embankment in Cologne and witness a pathetic side of black-marketing.

Groups of women awaited the coming of little boats to take them to Dutch barges riding at anchor. There they bartered for coffee, anything from their home that was still precious.

In the shadows policemen lurked, ready on their return to pounce upon them and confiscate whatever they had.

## No wonder

No wonder that it was said in those days that if a German family could not have a British soldier for a friend, the next best acquaintance to have was a German policeman!

On one occasion I travelled ten miles into Cologne standing precariously on the running-board of a railway train and considering myself fortunate. Passengers were seated astride the buffers; others were clustered in groups on the roofs of carriages; still others were picking up dry maize bread on the coal-laden tenders of the two engines.

Travel was open to all who could produce any official-looking document in English. A Glasgow student doing post-graduate work in Munster told me in the spring of 1949 that he had just travelled from Hamm to Frankfurt and back without any difficulty by showing to German ticket-collectors and inspectors his Glasgow University matriculation card.

Money meant nothing. Farmers were reputed to be hoarding. Yet eggs, potatoes, bacon, milk, flour, were to be had for shoe-laces, boot-polish, reels of thread, socks, soap, cocoa, tea, coffee, cigarettes—for almost anything sold by NAAFI.

## Black market

One can still obtain eight Deutschmarks (almost 14 Shillings) for a pound of coffee. Otherwise the black market is dead. Sanity has returned to life in Germany.

Now the tables are turned. British families and British troops, tired at times of their NAAFI rations, frequent, when their purses allow it, German hotels and restaurants.

Germany's recovery began, it has been rightly claimed, when in June 1948 the old Reichsmarks ceased to be legal tender. All who had more than 300 Reichsmarks were issued with

thirty Deutschmarks in exchange. With this sum in his pocket every German started from scratch.

What frantic—but for the most part unavailing—efforts were made by black-marketers and others with a super-abundance of Reichsmarks to convert their money into goods of any sort whatever!

There was an immediate revolution in people's attitude towards work. Hitherto employment, except with the occupying forces, who paid largely in kind, had been shunned as unremunerative. Now to find work became the be-all and end-all of existence.

Times and thirty months have passed, and the inequalities of fate and fortune have had time to reveal themselves.

## More pittance

Well-to-do businessmen are driving around in their superb Opels. Those who have had steady employment are beginning to refurbish their homes. The unemployed are eking out a mere existence on a pittance of a dole, tantalised by the abundance of good things in shop windows.

But there were other factors contributing to Germany's recovery.

It was a fortunate coincidence, for instance, that during the autumn and early winter following the financial reform thousands of prisoners of war returned.

I used to see them arrive at the Cromwell Barracks, in Munster in slogan-bespattered trains in the late afternoons. Next morning there were touchings, human reunion scenes. Within a week they were repairing their own and their neighbours' scarred homes.

The German people delight in making the most of great occasions, and two I remember might be taken as symbolic.

Mine was the privilege of being in Cologne when the seven hundredth anniversary of the Cathedral's foundation was celebrated.

## All restored

A year before, all that remained of the Domplatz and the neighbouring streets was a pathway through the debris. But for the big occasion the streets were restored, tramways were running, and the Cathedral itself was restored from the damage it had received from blast.

I looked at the floodlit Cathedral from across the Rhine. Traffic moved once more over the brilliantly lighted, newly-restored Suspension Bridge, and over the recently-raised Hohen-

zoller Bridge trains ran again. I knew where the ruined city lay, but only beauty was illumined around the Cathedral.

So it was again in Munster. The ruins there were a byword. Army drivers often lost their way among them.

On October 24, 1948, I shared in the celebrations marking the three hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Westphalia that brought the Thirty Years War to an end.

The streets and squares adjoining the Munster Rathaus had been cleared and throngs crowded them and brass bands

played. The ribbed and ruined spires of the ancient Gothic churches glowed with multi-coloured, phosphorescent light. One could see the iron cages in the Lambert Church tower, where in 1536 the bodies of John of Leyden, the Dutch Anabaptist fanatic, and his two companions were exposed.

I forget what the visiting burgomasters of neighbouring cities said in their speeches. But one word was longingly, wistfully uttered, echoed and re-echoed: "Frieden"—Peace.

## FLIGHT-LIEUT. JOHN DRIVER, D.F.C., FLIES HOME TO TELL HIS OWN STORY OF CAPTIVITY

# 81 Days—of vodka and chess

**HOME AGAIN** in Churchfields Road, Beckenham, are 38-year-old Flight-Lieutenant John William Driver, D.F.C., after 81 days in a Russian jail, and his wife Joy, the 24-year-old girl who would not consider the Soviet headquarters terms for his release. The two were treated like V.I.P.s at Harwich. Customs officials went to their cabin in the B.A.O.R. troopship Empire Parkston. Senior officers of Movement Control took them to breakfast while their papers were being cleared. At Liverpool Street an Air Ministry car waited to take them to Beckenham. And those 81 days? Here is the flight-lieutenant's own account of them.....

as told to  
**GEORGE JOYCE**

**T**HERE is one Russian word that I never want to see again. The word is.....

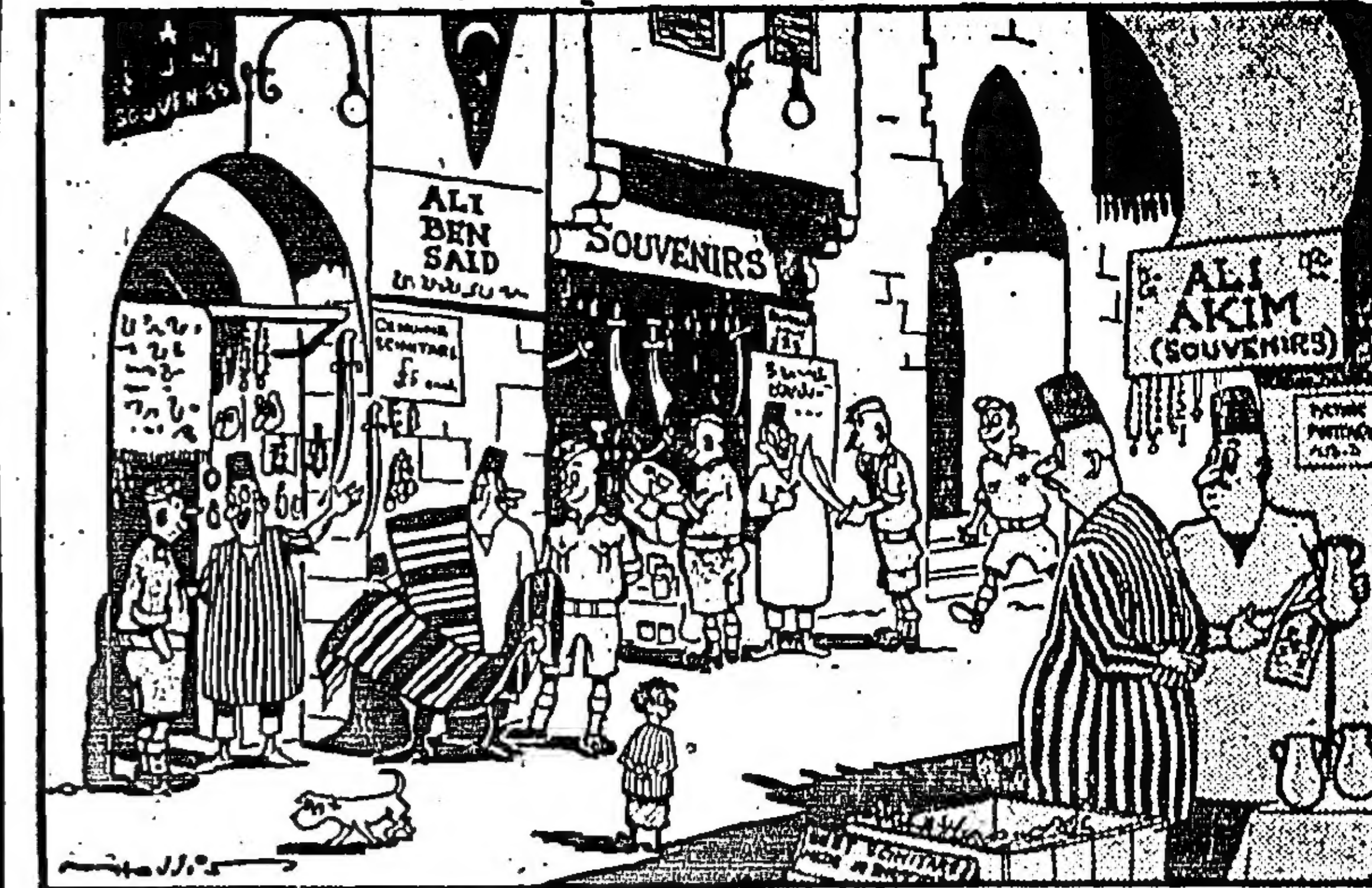
## Дипломатической

.....pronounced diplomata-teachers-coy.....and it means "diplomatic."

For more than 11 weeks that was the only reason the Russians ever gave for holding me as a hostage.

At times the word haunted me. When I tried to quiz my guards there was silence in the room. They would talk among themselves in Russian, and then one would hand me a glass of vodka.

There was one fellow—I nicknamed him "the woolly bear"—who would slap me on the back....he became friendly only when I was moody....and that was his way of chal-



"If we insist on British troops leaving Egypt, who's going to buy all this junk?"

lenging me to a game of chess. His way of telling me to be more tactful than to ask questions. At the end of the game, more vodka.

Eighty-one days of chess and vodka, and it was not until I was handed over to the British in Berlin that I was told I had been....a diplomatic pawn.

I had no idea that I had crashed in the Russian zone—not until Russian infantrymen scrambled out of the back of a truck and surrounded me.

I was taken to Ludwigslust and quartered with six Russian officers in a large house. The radio was taken away. No newspapers were allowed.

For four days I was under suspicion. An interpreter kept close on my heels everywhere I went. He walked from room to room with me.

I had my meals with the officers. The food was good, but I managed to persuade them that an Englishman could not eat black bread. From then on there was always white bread on the table.

## Vodka again

**T**HEY interrogated me—asking me many questions about why I crashed on their territory—it was done pleasantly, but they seemed to doubt my story.

Gradually they softened up the so-called interpreter was replaced by a woman. Then the chess board was given to me. The Russians taught me to play. The vodka flowed when I won.

On September 20 the Russians played their meanest trick. A Mercedes-Benz limousine stopped outside the house. The officers got very excited. They made me understand that I was going to Berlin. We celebrated. I drank their vodka. I hated it.

But the car stopped in Potsdam....another Russian headquarters....This time I was confined to one room.

I could walk in the garden only under escort. More guards and no one who spoke English.

Why had I been moved? They just shrugged their shoulders and ignored me. More chess, but no more vodka....Instead they gave me brandy. I went outside the house only twice....each time under guard....each time to



—In the firelight glow at the Beckenham home of Mrs Driver's parents.

was to be. The Russians have nothing to show for keeping me all these weeks. I had no military secrets to offer. And the only souvenir I brought back was purple woolen underwear.

I waited for three hours and they told me Joy was waiting in Berlin—they must have known she was there a week before.

That was Friday. It was not until midnight that I got over the line and British officers told me how the Russians had tried to barter me for a Soviet lieutenant. I am glad the Foreign Office said "No."

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## Santa To Forgotten Children

From **NEWELL ROGERS NEW YORK.**

**T**URN from the war headlines for a minute today to the man who is playing Father Christmas to the forgotten children of forgotten men.

Jolly 60-year-old salesman "Uncle Dan" Vinson—who would even look like Father Christmas if he had whiskers—asked himself:

Who are the most neglected children at Christmas? The children of felons, he decided.

Out to 400 prisons all over the U.S. went letters. Vinson invited convict fathers to tell him the names and ages of their children. Months ago he started stocking material to make toy aluminum airplanes, jigsaw puzzles, balloons, hair-ribbons, scarves, cloth dolls. He accepts no money—only materials.

For months volunteers have been working in their free time to make the Vinson gifts.

By Christmas Eve he and his helpers will have mailed out 2,000,000 gifts for children.

But not direct to the boys and girls. Parcels go to the fathers in the prisons. And the fathers send them on just as though they came from them.

**FOR MEN ONLY:** New moth-proof, shrink-proof, sweat-proof, long-wearing socks made of "miracle" Fibre V—nylon's younger brother—sell for half the price of imported British wool socks.

**MUTTONHEADS:** Denouncing bureaucrats for failing to stock enough wool for winter army uniforms, an official Senate report says: "While the board was obviously doing plenty of wool-gathering, none of it was for the stockpile."

**BOOM:** Free-enterprise industry plans its greatest expansion in history during the first quarter of 1951. Non-Government investments in new factories, machinery, and other

equipment will total over \$1,700,000,000.

**DINNER:** An advertisement calls attention to the British Food Ministry's meat ration cut. And it offers a 13lb. ham, for air delivery to Britain in time for Christmas dinner. Price: \$5 13s. 10d.

**FOR WOMEN ONLY:** On Fifth Avenue you know the drink she wants from the hat she wears. A new fashion rule: that for a Scotch she puts on a cap of mauve and pink plaid, with pearl-studded streamers to symbolise the Scots mist. For a Martini cocktail—an inverted one adorned with an over-size olive. For a Manhattan—black ostrich eclairper bonnet.

**SHOW BUSINESS:** Irene Dunne's picture "The Mudlark" is to have its U.S. premiere in a new super-cinema on Florida's Riviera. The 3,500 guests will stroll through a lobby open to the sun (adding glass roof for rainy days), and go to their 23 11x seats up an escalator.

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MARQUIS CHILDS cables on the ATTLEE-TRUMAN talks

## WHY SOME Americans don't understand us

### MARQUIS CHILDS

is an American historian and columnist with an international reputation.

His writings appear daily in 150 newspapers across the United States.

NEVER before has it been so vitally important for the Americans and British to stand together. Most Americans understand that. It is why they have followed with such intense interest the Truman-Attlee talks in Washington.

The man in the street here in America has unfortunately not been told enough about what is actually happening in Korea and in the rest of Asia. Therefore he is worried and somewhat bewildered.

He has seen the ominous word "Dunkirk" in the headlines. This was the result of irresponsible politicians and a section of the Press that has oversensationalised the news out of Korea.

### Deep Roots

Above all, the fear of average Americans has been that the American forces in Korea would be destroyed by the Communist Chinese offensive.

Because of this fear the average citizen has been deeply concerned about the role Britain would take. This is the reason why the traditional anti-British feeling in this country has been accentuated in the present crisis.

That anti-British feeling has deep roots. Parts of its origin is in the racial backgrounds of the American people with the Irish-Americans dominant in many metropolitan areas.

The Hearst and McCormick-Patterson Press have exploited this feeling, also coinciding with the



Here is Mr. Attlee with General George Marshall, Defence Secretary of the United States, at a Washington luncheon. Here also, for the memory.

The average American also has a strong feeling that other United Nations should be doing more to prosecute the war in Korea. This may seem unreasonable to nations that have difficult commitments such as the British in Malaya and the French in Indo-China.

But it is nevertheless an important factor in opinion at the present, when more than 80 percent of the United Nations Force is made up of American soldiers and marines.

In spite of all these cross-currents of fear and suspicion, I believe that most Americans appreciate the danger of America standing alone and realise the importance of keeping Britain as an ally.

### The Handicap

My own view is that leadership here has failed to give a sufficiently clear picture of the variety of commitments shared by the free nations throughout Asia and Europe.

This has been the handicap in presenting the Truman-Attlee talks in their proper setting of two partners sitting down to

Another contributory reason for the real deterioration in relations between the two peoples has been the failure of our Government leaders to meet for more than five years.

In these perilous times ordinary diplomatic channels are simply not sufficient to keep a working partnership alive in the minds of both the Americans and the British.

Now it is no use blinking at the fact that much remains to be done still to check deterioration.

The communiqué issued in the Truman-Attlee talks left one major issue unresolved. That is the differing attitude of the two countries on Communist China.

Britain has recognised the Government in Peking and wants Communist China to replace Nationalist China in the United Nations.

This is hard for the average American to understand. He has the increasingly bitter feeling that American troops have taken a bad licking. That licking has been administered by the fanatical Communist Chinese.

### To Get Even

So the American wants to get even. He wants to hit back. This partly explains the deluge of telegrams to the White House calling for the use of the atomic bomb.

Angry and resentful Americans will find it hard to understand why Britain does not want to go along at least with a limited war of reprisal against Communist China.

This is emotionalism which is likely to grow if the withdrawal from Korea becomes inevitable. To the average Briton it may appear that the Americans are trying to atone for loss in a small war by becoming involved in a big war, which is the way it appears to many calm-minded Americans.

The hope is that emotionalism can be restrained so that American action taken against the Communist Chinese can be not merely limited but indirect.

Another factor entering here is the hero-worship of General MacArthur, which is particu-

larly true of the worshippers have seized on reports that British diplomatic sources had urged caution on the United Nations' commander prior to the start of his fateful offensive.

They interpret this to mean that British caution prevented MacArthur from taking steps which might have blasted the concentrations of Communist Chinese in Manchuria and North Korea.

This, of course, is wide of the truth, since MacArthur had a free hand to carry out a very broad general directive from the United Nations. Nevertheless it contributes to the feeling of the moment.

### Two Doubts

The hope of responsible American leaders is that the worst of the crisis has now passed. They look for a calmer attitude on the part of Americans if defensive positions can be stabilised in Korea.

Then they hope it will be possible to effect further reconciliation of British and American points of view on China.

The reaction on the whole to Mr. Attlee's visit seems to me to have been good. He made a favourable impression with his Press club speech in which he refuted two doubts systematically fanned in the anti-British Press:

1. "APPEASEMENT";
2. THE BRITISH ATTITUDE TOWARD MACARTHUR.

But there is no doubt of the long way to go in bringing the average American to a better understanding of the position of Britain and the vital importance of unity between the two countries.

### Road Ahead

When General Eisenhower is appointed Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Forces, it will be a big contribution to American appreciation of Western Europe, since Eisenhower is both a soldier and a diplomat who will impress upon America the vital nature of his role as head of the Western Forces.

In this hour of uncertainty no doubt Mr. Attlee's visit has contributed much. But it would be a deception to deny that the road ahead will be difficult for the two Allies, with some Americans deliberately trying to confuse the average citizen and make him believe that America can go to it alone without regard to the hopes and fears of the

## JOE FRIDAY HAS SPOKEN

By MacKenzie Porter

FROM Wakimoko and Chiniguchi, from Donnemaga, Mesomkenda and other places whose names fall like a haunting melody on the ear the Red Indians have journeyed on a special mission to the northern Ontario township of Tomagami, which is located among the legendary lakes and forests of Hiawatha's youth.

There are no feathers in their raven hair, no tomahawks in their hands, but below their tartan shirts and denim jeans they still wear moccasins and walk with the traditional stealthy tread of their race. Hurons, Crees, Algonquins, they come to turn the white man's thoughts away for a little while from the problems of world politics and the conflict in Korea. There is a peaceful mission.

### Wolf Packs

The wolf packs up here in this part of Canada are more numerous today than ever before in living memory, and they are bringing down so many deer that in his selfishness the white man has thought only of his autumn sport. In the Ontario Provincial Parliament buildings in Toronto, 500 miles to the south, the Department of Lands and Forests is planning to limit deer hunting this year to two weeks, to offset the loss from wolves.

That is all very well for the holidaymaker hunter from the city, who wishes for nothing more than a fine stag's head to hang over his mantelpiece. But to the Indians, who depend for their winter meat on the succulent doe and buck, the decision would mean hunger. So the young men left their squaws and papooses and came in canoes (now made of aluminium instead of birchbark) to hear the words of lean, wise-eyed Joe Friday, chairman of the amalgamated Indian tribes of Ontario.

Fifty-six-year-old Joe Friday comes from Bear Island, 25 miles west of Tomagami. He wears a battered trilby hat and smokes cigars—habits he has picked up from the paleface Canadians and Americans whom he guides after deer each year through the Red Cedar, Highbush and Jumping Caribou country. But in his love for the bush and in the forms of speech which he used he has changed little from his ancestors.

### Tumbled Mass

Of the wolves and deer Joe speaks to his red brethren thus: "When I was a little boy there was an area of wind-fallen trees about three miles square. Insects had killed the trees and they lay in a tumbled mass stretching in all directions. A few years later there was a forest fire, which swept through the windfalls. Then there was only one black plain."

"When I was about twelve years old I went back there again. Little pines were growing over the area, so thick that a dog could not pass between them. Then in another two years, I went back again in the winter-time. Snow-shoe rabbits had moved in by the thousand to feed off the trees. There were so many rabbits that they packed the snow down hard like automobile tyres do in the big cities. People thought the rabbits would kill all the trees. But if you go there today you will find one of the finest forests in the north, with tall pines stretching to the sky."

"The rabbits thinned out the trees so that those which were left grew strong."

"So it is with the wolves and the deer today. There are many wolves this year because there are many deer. There is a deer behind every tree. There are more deer than I can ever remember."

"The white man looks at the wolves and says, 'Shorten the hunting season.' The Indian looks at the wolves and says, 'Lengthen it! More wolves mean more deer.' Joe puffs his cigar and there is a murmur of approval from the Indians. Joe Friday looks north towards the great solitude which reaches unbroken for a thousand miles to the shores of Hudson's Bay. He sees an ending canopy of green pine, spruce and larch, of silver birch and maple, now turning to gold, and of that exquisite weed, the sumach tree, which throws up crimson cones to dapple the whole vast timberland with rubies.

### Another Growl

"We must hunt on into December," says Joe. "That is when the deer are fattest. It is then that the ice forms, and in the ice we can preserve our meat through January, February and March, for we have no refrigerators like the white man. Meat killed earlier than December we cannot keep."

There is another growl of assent from the Indians.

"We ask the Government to set a limit on deer killed during December," Joe Friday goes on. "The Indians promise to take no more than their lawful bag. There will be plenty of deer for the white man's sport and the Indians' needs. The wolves and the deer have been here for thousands of years. The Indians must live off the deer and so must the wolves. The plan of Nature takes care of us all."

Joe leaves the laws of Nature—none better—and so he is well-guilty to give counsel on her eternal economics. Having heard him, the Indians sign a petition, which is signalled over the white man's telegraph wires to a turreted granite building in Toronto, which is shaken day and night by the roar of the white man's traffic.

Tomorrow a dapper little clerk who worries about atom bombs, and who keeps his weight down by golfing on Sundays, will hand the message to the Minister of Lands and Forests, saying: "Joe Friday has spoken."

## UGANDA TAKES A BOLD LEAD

By A. C. DUFFIELD

TO Uganda today goes the credit and the honour of being the first country in the British Commonwealth to show courage and imagination in tackling the cost-of-living problem.

The Uganda Government has announced that they have—

Abolished Customs duty on petrol, kerosene, and many articles of clothing;

Halved the duty on blankets and khaki drill; and

Abolished the Excise duty on tea.

This means quite a lot to Uganda's 5,300,000 population. The retail price of petrol is thus reduced by 6d. a gallon, kerosene by 3d. and tea by 2d. a pound.

Uganda, like the rest of the world, has been suffering from continually rising prices. The people have had to face an increase of more than 20 percent since 1940 in the general price of imported goods, while salaries and wages have remained unchanged.

Comparatively few Africans are regularly employed as wage earners. The great majority are small farmers or cattle herders.

Their needs are simple. They are farmers, for all intents

a pair of shorts and shirt, and a blanket or two for bedding.

Thus it will be seen that the Uganda Government has done something for the masses to reduce their cost of living in those things of vital importance to them.

The rising cost of living has impelled both European and Asian civil servants to demand from the Government the introduction of cost-of-living allowances, but, if granted, commercial and industrial employees would demand increased wages. The inevitable result would be a further rise in prices.

The Government decided to tackle the cost of living by bringing down prices of essential imports. This will mean a saving to transport operations and industries of £250,000 a year. Indirectly it will benefit others by reduced transport charges.

All races will be helped by the reduced cost of tea, clothing and blankets, but Africans will reap most profit by the lowered prices.

Local retailers, mostly Asians, have been making exorbitant profits on consumer goods, so the Government will issue lists of what are considered fair prices for all housewives' requirements.

This should lead to competition and reduced cost of these articles not covered by Customs concessions.

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# THE RUSH FOR SOUVENIRS AT BRISBANE



Last man out and the rush for souvenirs after the "Sticky Wicket" Test, the first of the present series, at Brisbane.

# "GRANDSTAND" On Softball

# Not Enough Attention Is Being Paid To The Laws Of Pitching

Judging from the number of illegal pitches declared by umpires during last week's games, it is quite obvious that not enough attention is being paid to this important department of the sport, particularly as the penalty imposed on an irregular pitch may have damaging effects on the result of the game.

Most of the faults are unintentional and are mainly due to carelessness or ignorance of the Pitching Rule as laid down in the Book, and a great deal of misunderstanding on the field, from both the players' and spectators' viewpoints, can be saved through a careful study of the simple provisions for a legal pitch.

Spectators have often expressed surprise at the fuss about a technical point, while on the other hand there are devout adherents to the rules who notice even the slightest deviation. If it is only realised that rules are made to prevent players from taking undue advantage of others, then the rigid enforcement of rules will be understood.

The question of the legality of a pitch has always been a source of queries and this is exemplified by the recent case of a letter from an ardent fan pointing out some of the infringements which were apparently unnoticed.

# LETTER OF THE LAW

The alleged fault seems to be that there is a sudden break in the follow through as well as delivering the ball with the arm more than a distance of six inches from the side of the body, and since our anonymous correspondent has requested clarification of the Pitching Rule, we quote Rule 9, Sec. 4: "A legal delivery shall be a ball delivered to the batter underhand and with a follow through of the hand and wrist past the straight line of the body before the ball is released, and in the final delivery, the hand shall be below the hip, and wrist not farther from the body than the elbow."

There is no specified distance of the hand from the body provided the wrist is not farther from the body than the elbow, but it definitely states that there must be a follow through past the body, and there can be no deviation from the ruling. Umpires are well aware of the conditions of a legal pitch and must declare a pitch "illegal" if it does not conform with the rule.

Following up the lead provided by our friend, I consulted the team manager concerned and we paid careful attention to some of the deliveries made by the player in question, and there appears to be a slight trace of irregularity which is more accidental than intentional, but now that the fault has been pointed, there will be no excuse for a recurrence.

# COULD BE IMPROVED

Compared to local fielding and batting standards, it must be admitted that our pitching can be improved, and it is with a view to acquiring more speed that slappers experiment with different techniques, with the result that minor infringements are introduced into the pitch without their being aware of it by an observer.

An illegal pitch is definitely disadvantageous to the batter, and if declared so, the fielding side is penalised according to the rules laid down. In a game, the most alert observers are naturally the umpires, and here is the big question. Should an umpire tell the pitcher where he went wrong?

There was at least one instance in recent weeks when a well-meaning umpire did point out the fault of the pitcher when the irregularity was repeated, and this, of course met with the usual howl of protest from the other team for they felt that they were deprived of the benefit of exciting further penalties.

The rules governing the duties of an umpire have been carefully scrutinised but they are silent on this point, except that umpires are empowered to order any player to omit to do an act when in their judgment it is necessary to do so to give force and effect to the rules. In this respect, we concur with the action of the umpire, but things could be so much simpler if pitchers would only study the rules carefully.

# UO. CHIEF'S RULINGS

Investigating further, the occasional rulings of George Dickstein, Umpire in Chief of the universal governing body, were referred to, and we find that he advocates periodical

pitcher if he is doubtful of his delivery may display his special style before a jury of umpires for their okay or otherwise. Some illegal pitches are committed through carelessness, some intentional, but the majority through ignorance. So much attention is concentrated on striking out the batter that the heavy penalty on an illegal pitch is often lost sight of, and we need only mention that an important game in the Senior League playoff last year was decided on an illegal pitch when the fielding team allowed the winning run to be scored from third base when the pitcher balked in the delivery. The only advice we can give to an enthusiastic hurler is to study the rules before getting out on the field.

# John Macadam's Column

# BRAID'S OAK WILL TELL IT ALL

Jimmy Braid's deid .... They'll be saying that in every golf clubhouse in the land from the North to the South-West, but there are very few of them who would ever have thought of calling him "Jimmy" to his face.

The ennobled oak quality of the 80-year-old golfing boyen tacitly forbade familiarity and demanded respect, so that the "Mister" you used in addressing him was a title, a tribute.

Even the "James" of the higher officials of the game was an accolade for the very old and parat knight of the fairway.

They can do anything they like about him now, make the tributes to him they care, establish tournaments and cups and trophies but there is a monument out at Romford, Essex, that has stood at the approach to the eighth green for nigh on 50 years.

It is an old tree stump, and they call it Braid's Oak. It was a fine tree once till it was blasted by lightning. The committee of the day decided to remove it, but the thirty-ish, raw Fifeshire professional said "No!"...and the committee accepted "No!" They ringed the blasted stump with iron to preserve it, and now they will probably put a plaque on Braid's Oak and make it a lasting, treasured memorial to the greatest golfing figure of three generations.

James Braid went to Romford from his native Fifeshire and spent eight years there before he took over his 47-year reign at Walton Heath. He started working life canny enough in Elko as a joiner, and came into golf as a club-maker.

Until he died following an internal operation in a London nursing home, he had done everything that a golfer could do.

He was probably the wealthiest golfer in the game, for his business friends advised him well about investments.

He won the Open championship five times and until last February 6 held his record of always beating his age in a birthday round at the Heath. The record went with an 11 on his 80th birthday. That

thought that the grand old man was invincible. He holed in one 18 times, and he was such a stickler for golf etiquette that even he got crotchety with an enthusiast who picked out of the tin on the 15th occasion.... "Never, never interfere with the ball!" he said.

# R. & A. MEMBER

He was the first professional to be elected honorary member of his own club. With Willie Auchterlonie and J. H. Taylor, he was the first professional to become member of the Royal and Ancient Club. He was one of the first professionals to teach the Duke of Windsor (when he was Prince of Wales), and statesmen and business magnates all came along to consult the Scottish oracle with the Golliath frame the walrus moustache, the miraculous faculty for getting in and out of the rough, and the punching drive.

Last time I saw him was when I walked round Muirfield with him two years ago, and in eight holes and a couple of drinks I learned more about golf than ever before or since—mostly in response to questions which he answered with that "Aye" of his that could mean anything, everything.

Well, there's only that oak stump left now and a lot of memories.... Gregor McIntosh, now at Ringway was with him at the Heath as assistant, "Assistant" says Gregor. "A son, rather." They all pay tribute—J. H. Taylor, Commander Roe, Secretary of the RGA, Charles Whitcombe, Fred Robins. None can say more than that simple "A son."

"The first time was at Muirfield in 1901, and when he had done it he left the train, crossed the field and handed the Cup to his mother with a 'gruff' 'Put that on the mantelpiece.'"

(London Express Service)

# Rugger Results

London, Dec. 20. The following were the results of Rugby Union County Championship games played today: Hampshire 3, Kent 5 (played at Southampton).

# THE HOLIDAY SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

The week-end Softball League programme with umpires and scorers is:

# SATURDAY

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE  
2.00 p.m. Pandas v Wildires (Dan Izatt, Des Lock, E. Remedios; Fred Diesta). Aces v South China (George Pang, R. Nunes; Ren Barretto).  
3.30 p.m. Griffins v Mustangs (J. Herriek, J. Liu, J. Jen; Frankie Barnes).

# LADIES LEAGUE

3.30 p.m. Pirates v White Fangs (R. Barretto, M. Nunes, A. Souza; Hal Winglee).

# MIDGET LEAGUE

10.30 a.m. Blackhaws v Black Arrows (Umpire Fred Diesta; Scorer George Pang).

12.00 noon Jaguars v St. Joseph's (Umpire George Pang; Scorer Fred Diesta).

# SUNDAY

# MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE

11.00 a.m. Dodgers v Canadians (F. Ewins, G. Ribeiro, Tony Gutierrez; Alice Mar).

2.00 p.m. Pandas v Braves (Don Robbins, A. Hussain, Gaby Pereira; S. Samy).

3.30 p.m. Madcaps v Jaguars (Hal Winglee, Raymond Tase, Wally Mar, M. Nunes).

# MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

12.30 p.m. Dragons v Rexes (Fred Diesta, L. Rochd, Les Casaro; Irene Botelho).

# BOXING-DAY

# MEN'S INTERNATIONAL SERIES

11.00 a.m. China v Philippine Is. (Hal Winglee, Bim Ablong, Rene Segular; R. Barretto).

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be traced back to Rhyspuddin ap Gwilydd, who, according to the Book of Bryn Dryvilling, "did amirite a mulberry with hys nose full thirty fectes in the feasting hall of Owain Barth-water at Aberirwigele." Mrs Searfull, in her "Tales and Lays of the Ancient Cymry," quotes this as evidence of the antiquity of nasal propulsion.

### Hotel breakfast

"I never knew the Druids kept hens." "What do you expect for five shillings?"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

IF you are born today, originality and lavishment are your major characteristics. You are always starting new schemes, having new ideas and making grandiose plans. You aren't half-hearted about them, either, but expend great time, energy and treasure on putting over a project. You would make a wonderful promoter, publicist or advertising man.

Just be careful that you don't undertake more than you can achieve. For he who promises and can't deliver, is not the one others will listen to the next time he has a "great" idea. But if you do at things gradually and efficiently, the chances are you will accomplish more than the average.

You can become a great force—for good or evil—depending on your ideals. So

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Time to make your week-end plans. Take full responsibility for the best results.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Begin Christmas preparations. Get a head start and you'll have more time later.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Avoid being careless with personal possessions. Guard against unnecessary loss.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Clean up last-minute details on plans for your holiday week-end. Perhaps you can lengthen it.

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Stick to the job while you are at the office. Don't let side lines distract you today.

make sure that your concepts are honest, clear and just. You have a generous nature and have considerable personal integrity. You can, however, be influenced a little too easily by others and often lend your talents to objectives which are not as honourable as they should be. You may be likely to be interested in politics. Be guarded in your associations.

Interested in the mysterious and the occult, you are inclined to be a little too credulous. You enjoy the material pleasures of life, but seem to know how to balance these with cultural, intellectual and spiritual matters as well.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—If someone makes a suggestion, pay attention to it. You may be able to increase your value to the boss.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—Don't let flattery turn your head today. If you are smart, you will discover the real motive!

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—Honesty is definitely the best policy, even when it comes to making critical suggestions.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Originality can be used to improve present methods as well as replace them. The former may be the better policy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Business deals probably need attention. Be efficient and careful of your resources. Don't speak hastily.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Haste can make waste; so be careful in all you do or say today. Don't harbour resentment.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Tact and consideration can straighten out confusion. Hang on to your patience and temper.

## DRINKING ASTOUNDS

"One is astounded to see young people, especially young girls, gulping gin and whisky in the wayside public houses and the popular centres of Wales," declared Alderman J. Phillips (Carmarthenshire) at the meeting of the Welsh Joint Education Committee held in Shrewsbury.

He proposed that the committee should accede to the request of the Arvon Temperance Union, Carmarthenshire, for the teaching of temperance in the day schools and in the youth clubs of Wales.

"It is quite wrong to confuse temperance with total abstinence," said Councillor F. Shall (Swansea). "It would be wrong to carry it as far as total abstinence and ask the children to 'sit in judgment on their parents,' he said.

The committee decided to reply that it had every reason to assume that the local authorities were discharging their duties in bringing to the notice of their pupils the contents of the Ministry of Education handbook on temperance and hygiene.

## DUMB BELLS



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Lou's Plot Gives Him Another Game

BY OSWALD JACOBY

"YOU'RE mean enough," East exploded bitterly, "to steal the teeth out of a man's head and then come back to swipe his toothbrush."

Larceny Lou looked apologetic, but he wrote the score down just the same. Once again he

(DEALER)		2G	
♠ J1004	♠ 7	♠ QJ874	♠ 7
♠ K5	♠ 6	♠ K973	♠ 6
♠ A1064	♠ 5	♠ A93	♠ 5
♠ K5	♠ 4	♠ Q5	♠ 4
♠ K53	♠ 3	♠ 1074	♠ 3
♠ 1002	♠ 2		
♠ 82	♠ 1		
♠ J8832	♠ 0		

had found a successful game contract where most players would find only a one-trick set.

West opened the ten of hearts, and Larceny Lou, playing the South hand, thought the situation over for a second or two. Suppose you think it over also. How would you play the hand if you couldn't see the hands of the opponents?

Lou saw that he might lose two clubs, a spade, and a diamond if all the key cards were badly placed. Since East had made a vulnerable overcall on a heart suit headed by nothing better than queen-jack-eight, he clearly had considerable strength in the side suits. It was a cinch that East had the ace of clubs; perhaps ace-queen.

Lou felt sure that East would not have made a vulnerable overcall with merely a queen-jack suit and a side ace, or even a side ace-queen. East was bound to have one or both of the two missing kings.

If East had the king of spades, there was no way to lose the hand. If East had the king of diamonds, however, and the king of spades there was real danger. Lou therefore collected a swindle to meet this danger.

He won the first trick with the ace of hearts, led the five of diamonds to dummy's ace, and returned the four of diamonds from the dummy!

East looked suspiciously at the four of diamonds and then at Larceny Lou, but that gentleman was at his blandest. East didn't think very long, because it seemed so clear that Lou had started with a singleton diamond and was trying to set the suit up by ruffing. Hence East played a low diamond.

Naturally, Lou won the second round of diamonds with the queen. From then on, of course, the hand was easy.

## POCKET CARTOON



Two-year-old Diane Lithman, of Seagr Road, Wanslet, taking a riding lesson on her favourite pony, Tricky, at Wanslet Farm. She has a special small saddle and stirrups, and has been riding now for a year.

Her mother, Mrs. Ethel Lithman, said: "Diane is very fond of animals, and showed an interest in horses when she was a year old. I hope she becomes a professional rider."

## The Hibberd Story—And This Is Stuart Writing It...

By J. W. TAYLOR

Stuart Hibberd, chief announcer of the BBC, has written a fascinating book on his 25 years of broadcasting, aptly titled: "This ... is London." One gathers from it that there have been few nights at Broadcasting House as memorable as April 12, 1946. When the nine o'clock news reading had ended, Stuart shook listeners and newspaper offices as he was rather testily heard to exclaim: "What the hell!" The portals of Portland Place were besieged with reporters clamouring for the story of the night and the switchboard overwhelmed by hundreds of calls from all over the country.

As for the hitherto always impeccable correct Stuart, he was busily explaining thus: "I had been supplied with an official cue sheet which stated: 'At 9.15. That is the end of the news ... Pause ... five seconds ... then make the announcement of the talk.'

"I said my piece at 9.15, switched off my microphone while I coughed—there is a hand switch on the table for this purpose—switched it on again, and began to announce the talk as per the cue-sheet. I was speaking when I suddenly saw the red light flicking violently over the studio window in front of me. Thinking that this meant that my words had not gone out, I muttered: 'What the hell is happening now?' and paused. Then on came the reading light, and I repeated the interrupted announcement, only to discover later, when the 'phones began to ring in the studio, that the first three words of my explanation had gone out before the Programme Engineer cut me off."

"By an oversight she had not been given a copy of the cue-sheet, and she had, entirely without authority, buzzed out—i.e., signalled to the control room to take the studio out—on hearing my words: 'That is the end of the news.' The next day one paper had a photograph of me with a semi-banned headline: 'Oh, Mr Hibberd! A French paper went one better with the headline: 'Revolution a la BBC.'"

### SPOONERISMS

Stuart writes on how easy it is to make spoonerisms when broadcasting. If for a fraction of a second the announcer's concentration is not 100 percent. One colleague referred to the "Wandering Monstrel." When reading a weather forecast, Stuart was interrupted by the Editor and promptly said: "Tenmen, Hums and Tynd," instead of Thames, Humber and Tyne. Another colleague in similar circumstances announced: "East Doggy and Forters."

He records the noted reference of another announcer concerning the Pump Room Orchestra at Bath: "The Bath-room Orchestra at Pump," and the time when Stuart recovered his concentration just in time to avoid saying: "The Star-bangled Spanner."

There was the embarrassing moment in the days when Local News used to follow the General News from 2.00 the old London station of the BBC, when Stuart used an item about a dead whale, 52 ft. long, having been washed up at Southend. He announced that the whale was 512 ft. long!

Rather trying was the day when the "Amateur Handyman" was held up by a failure on the Underground, and Stuart had to read his talk for him. "It was

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## Pandemonium On Cotton Market

New York, Dec. 20. Pandemonium broke loose in the cotton market right after a steady opening.

Prices reeled up and down over a range of nearly \$8 a bale in old crop months as traders tried to fathom the effects of the Government's request for a voluntary price freeze at the Dec. 1 level. Traders described the excitement as the greatest in the month. Fluctuations between sales ranged up to 20 cents.

Cause of the confusion was the inability of traders to decide whether the price freeze request applied directly to raw cotton or on manufactured cotton goods. The action came unexpectedly since traders had come to the conclusion after Mr. Truman's message last week that the price ceiling might be postponed possibly for 30 days more, until an organization is created to enforce the mandatory controls.

The market opened unchanged to up 20 points. It weakened immediately, dropping 105 to 155 points, then rallied irregularly to close 42 lower to 40 higher. New crop months showed relative firmness finally. Prices closed today as follows:

NEW ORLEANS MARKET	Closing rate
Spot	42.50
March (1951)	42.30-42.31
May	42.03-42.07
July	41.63
October	39.20
December	39.04
March (1952)	38.90 bid
May	38.75 nominal

—United Press.

**GRAY GOODS**  
New York, Dec. 20. Sellers in the cotton gray goods trade maintained a withdrawn position in face of heavy inquiry for practically all constructions.—United Press.

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## Union Officials Demand US Price & Rent Controls

Washington, Dec. 20.

Top union officials told President Truman today that food prices and rents must be controlled effectively before any move is made to stabilize wages.

These officials said compensatory wage increases must be permitted as long as food prices and rents are subject to sharp and drastic increases, because these two items together represent 53 percent of the average family's living costs.

Furthermore, they said, wage stabilization must not become wage freezing.

The union chiefs, headed by CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green, in a statement issued after a 40-minute conference with President Truman, also:

(1) Called for an independent wage stabilization board whose decisions would not be subject to review by the Economic Stabilization Agency; (2) demanded that Government policy recognize existing collective bargaining agreements which contain cost of living escalator clauses, or face the threat of industrial unrest;

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(3) urged prompt amendment of the Defense Production Act of 1950, so that food prices and rents may be controlled effectively. The union officials said the act, which authorizes price controls, does not provide rent controls, which are handled in separate legislation, and permits food price increases. They said the present prohibitions upon control of food prices and rents are an effective barrier to any system of price or wage controls, and an elimination of these prohibitions is a preliminary to any workable stabilization action.

The officials did not reveal Mr. Truman's reaction to their proposals, but said they were issuing their statement with the President's permission.

The union chiefs met with Mr. Truman as the Wage Stabilization Board opened a hearing with union and management representatives of the automobile industry to work out problems stemming from the price rollback ordered for that industry.—United Press.

**RENT CONTROLS**

Washington, Dec. 20. President Truman today signed legislation extending rent controls to March 31 next.

The 90-day extension was voted by Congress at his request to give the incoming Congress time to review the national housing picture in the light of changed conditions created by the defense emergency.

Without the stop-gap extension rent controls would have ended on Dec. 31 except in communities taking special action to retain them until June 30.—Reuter.

## US ACTION AGAINST HOARDERS

Washington, Dec. 20. The National Production Administration secured Congress today it will get after the business firms hoarding scarce metals, "making them disgorge what they have."

Commerce Secretary Charles Sawyer thought it was a mistake to say a tremendous amount of hoarding was going on, but some business firms were hoarding excessive inventories.

William H. Harrison, NPA Administrator, said NPA had issued orders regarding inventories of steel, copper, zinc and other materials, but the full effect would not be realized until the first quarter of next year.

"Hoarding there had been a serious dislocation in supplies during the past few months. Under the Defense Production Act, NPA can control inventories. Persons found guilty of violating its regulations are subject to a \$10,000 fine and a year in prison.—Associated Press.

## Stockpiling Of Silver

London, Dec. 20. The continued European stockpiling of silver, million was seen a feature of the bullion market in November.

The United Kingdom trade returns for that month showed total exports of silver bullion amounting to 1,530,000 fine ounces. About 1,300,000 went to European industrial countries with no obvious interest in any monetary use for the metal. An exception might be made for the Netherlands, which took 414,000 ounces. Sweden took 324,000 and France 217,000.

## Wall Street Meets Seller Resistance

New York, Dec. 20.

The stock market managed to carry its current rally through four straight sessions today after a sharp encounter with selling forces.

Only a feeble rally in late trading prevented the market from slipping downward for the first time since President Truman put the nation on an emergency mobilization basis. Confusion over the voluntary price freeze and new war tension brought sellers out in full force and the result was a scramble of gains and losses ranging from a few cents to around \$1.50 a share.

Transfers were 3,500,000. Among the gainers were General Cable, Northern Pacific and Ohio, Budd Company, J. I. Case, Zenith Radio, Warner Petroleum, Transworld Airlines. Stumblers included American Woolen, Caterpillar, Tractor, United Aircraft.

Dow Jones averages:	85.69
Stocks	231.20
20 Industrials	231.20
15 Railroads	77.74
10 Utilities	38.97

—Associated Press.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$70,120. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:

SHARE BUYERS SELLERS SALES	
HK Bank	1200 1240
INSURANCES	
Union	600 630
DOCKS, ETC.	
K. Wharf	00
Dock	12 1/2
Shah Dock	20 3/4
Wharfedock	20
LAND, ETC.	
Shah Land	1.15
UTILITIES	
C. Light (O)	6 2 1/2
Electric	2 1/2
INDUSTRIALS	
Cement	13 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS	
Vibro	5 1/2

## American Trade With Spain

Madrid, Dec. 20. Foreign Commerce officials on Tuesday said that the United States will continue to be Spain's major trading partner in both imports and exports.

In a report on the month of September officials said that the United States sent Spain 12,900,000 pesos worth of goods and imported from Spain 8,400,000. England, Egypt and Argentina followed in order of exporting volume to Spain and Western Germany, France and England were runners-up in imports from Spain. In overall foreign trade during September, 95,800,000 pesos worth of goods were imported and 64,300,000 pesos worth of goods exported. These compared respectively with September 1949 totals of 99,700,000 and 85,900,000.—United Press.

## SYRIA-LEBANON AGREEMENT

Beirut, Dec. 20. Syria and the Lebanon have agreed to a free exchange of agricultural products from today.

This is the first such agreement between the two countries since Syria denounced the Customs Union with the Lebanon last April. Negotiations for extending the agreement to other commodities are to start on Jan. 4.—Reuter.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local monetary exchange market this morning at the following rates:

sterling note (per \$100)	124.5
U.S. dollars (per 100)	8.75
Indonesian dollars (per 100)	4.20
Siamese baht (per 100)	8.60
Singapore dollars (per 100)	1.75
YIO dollar (per 100)	10.70

## Seeds And Oils

New York, Dec. 20. Prices in the seeds and oils market here closed today unchanged with the following:

## Downward Trend In Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 20.

Grain prices steadied after a rocky opening. The market was plagued by the threat of pending price control measures and encountered limited hedge selling and a few realising sales. Soybeans and rye futures led the general downward trend and before rallies brought the market up prices were off 3 to more than 4 cents.

Corn closed 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, oats were 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, rye 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, and soybeans 1/4 to 1/4 lower. Prices closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.41
December	2.47
March (1951)	2.45-1/4-2.46
July	2.40-1/4-2.41
Corn	
Spot	1.74-1/4
December	1.71-1/4-1.71-1/2
March (1951)	1.70-1/4-1.71
July	1.70-1/4-1.71
Rye	
May (1951)	—
Oats	
December	95-1/2
March (1951)	93 asked
NEW YORK FLOUR—per 200 lb. sack	\$13.20.

—United Press.

## QUIET IN NY RUBBER MARKET

New York, Dec. 20.

Rubber futures closed today unchanged to 50 points higher with sales totalling 27 contracts. Activity remained on the quiet side in both futures and the spot market while the trade awaited Washington developments on import and other controls. The pre-holiday spirit helped to curtail interest.

Prices closed today as follows:

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Spot	71
December	37.00 bid
March (1951)	54.00 traded
May	50.00 bid
July	47.00 bid

—United Press.

## LONDON MARKET

London, Dec. 20.

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:

No. 1 rubber (in cents per lb.)	
February	62-63
March	50-1/2-51
April/June	45-1/2-46-3/4
July/September	42 nominal
October/December	39 nominal

—United Press.

## SPORE MARKET

Singapore, Dec. 20.

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	
December	172-173
January (1951)	167-168
February	162-163
Number 2 rubber	
December	157-158
Number 3 rubber	
December	152-153
Number 4 rubber	
December	153-154
Spot rubber, unbleached	170-180
Black crepe	132-134
No. 1 pale crepe	180-182

—United Press.

## New York Sugar

New York, Dec. 20.

Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed 7 to 8 lower.

Domestic sugar futures No. 6	
March	6.62 bid
July	6.71 bid
September	6.73 nominal
World sugar futures No. 4	
closed 9 to 8 lower:	
January	6.40 nominal
March	6.40 bid
May	6.41 bid
Raw sugar spot	6.40 nominal

—Associated Press.

## New York Metals

New York, Dec. 20.

Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:

Tin, Grade A (90.00 per cent or higher)	
New York, per lb.	35.
Minimum (per cent)	35.
per ounce	34 bid/35 asked

—United Press.

## NY EXCHANGES

New York, Dec. 20.

Closing foreign exchange:

Canada	94.50
Belgium	2.00/2.01
Australia	7.28
Others unchanged.	As quoted.

## NY Bank Quotations

New York, Dec. 20.

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ARRIVALS FROM	
S.S. "BALUCHISTAN"	Japan 12th Jan.
m.v. "HINDUSTAN"	Japan 21st Jan.
m.v. "EASTERN SAGA"	Australian Ports 28th Jan.

SAILINGS TO	
S.S. "BALUCHISTAN"	Fremantle, Hobart, Adelaide & Melbourne 13th Jan.
m.v. "HINDUSTAN"	Manila and Lae (both subject to inducement) thence Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart. 22nd Jan.
m.v. "EASTERN SAGA"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Kobe & Yokohama 1st Feb.

### GLEN LINE LTD.

#### SCHEDULED SAILINGS TO U.K. AND CONTINENT

m.v. "BRECONSHIRE"	
Leads at Holt's Wharf 24th December, Sails 26th December, for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, port Said, Genoa, London, Rotterdam/Amsterdam, Hamburg and Antwerp. Due London 1st February.	
m.v. "GLENARN"	Leads 6th January, sails 8th January for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam/Amsterdam, Hamburg. Due London 14th February.

(Carriers option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge cargo)

#### SCHEDULED ARRIVALS FROM LONDON

m.v. "GLENGARRY"	Leave London	Due H.K.
m.v. "RADNORSHIRE"	Sailed	28th Dec.
	Sailed	10th Jan.

#### INTERMEDIATE SERVICE

m.v. "FLINTSHIRE"	
m.v. "PEMBROKESHIRE"	Sailed In Port 20th Jan.





## Trades Union Council's Views On Ferry Services

The Hongkong and Kowloon Trades Union Council have submitted to the Harbour Ferry Service Advisory Committee their views on cross harbour ferry services. The main point deals with a vehicular ferry service between Wanchai and Hungnam, but the communication also makes reference to services already operated by the Star Ferry and Hongkong and Yau-mat-ti Ferry companies.

Here is the text of the HKTUC's letter to the Advisory Committee:

We have the honour to advance herewith our opinion in regard to a vehicular ferry service between Wanchai and Hungnam in order to relieve the present traffic congestion as proposed by your committee.

The action taken by Government in appointing your committee to solicit public opinion in this matter should be highly acclaimed and such step taken is indeed the first to be recorded in the history of Hongkong. This also proves that Government has given due consideration to public opinion.

We are of the opinion that if additional ferry services could be inaugurated between Hongkong and Kowloon, it would greatly benefit those going about their daily affairs between Kowloon City, Tseungwan, Hungnam, Wanchai, North Point, Sai Kung, etc. Such additional services will also benefit those ferrying between Cheung Sha Wan and West Point and Sai Yung-poon. The working people will then save some one third of their time daily and will also save some six eighth of their travelling expense. The time saved should be very well utilised for other useful purposes.

The Hongkong and Kowloon Trades Union Council represents more than one hundred labour organisations in the Colony. We are always interested in the public welfare of the great mass, especially the recent movement for a vehicular ferry service between Wanchai and Hungnam to relieve the present traffic congestion. In accordance with this spirit, a resolution was unanimously passed in support of your movement at our Second Meeting of the Third Term Standing Committee held on December 8, 1950.

### THE RESOLUTION

The resolution at that meeting called for:

1. Encouragement be given to all the labour organisations and their members to show favourable response to your questionnaire.
2. The Star Ferry Company and the Hongkong and Yau-mat-ti Ferry Company should improve their services in regard to the following points:

- (a) To increase freight service by the Star Ferry so as to ease traffic congestion of the Hongkong & Yau-mat-ti Ferry.

- (b) To reduce monthly ticket charges.

- (c) To put additional ferries on the run so as to speed up services.

- (d) To improve the system of collecting fare, such as speeding up of small changes.

- (e) To make valid monthly tickets for all lines.

- (f) To increase third class seats.

- (g) To pay more attention to the sanitary condition both aboard ferry and at the piers.

- (h) To promote higher spirit of serving the public at large.

The above points have been duly put on record in the minutes of our Union. It is hoped that your point of view will be favourably shared by your committee. For the public interest and welfare, we earnestly hope that our constructive suggestions be carried out by the ferry companies.

In conclusion, we hereby endorse enthusiastically our full support for a vehicular ferry service between Wanchai and Hungnam in order to relieve the present traffic congestion.

FUNG HOI CHIU  
General Secretary,  
Hongkong & Kowloon Trades Union Council.

## Ship's Capt's Offence

Capt. F. C. Anderson, master of the Elsie Moller, was fined \$200 by Mr Low at the Marine Court this morning for proceeding at an excessive speed and approaching too near a vessel engaged in salvage work in the harbour.

He was cautioned on a charge of moving from one berth to another without the permission of the Director of Marine.

Mr Parker, of the Marine Department, said that at 11.25 a.m. on December 18, the Elsie Moller left Tseungwan Docks and when entering the harbour travelled at a high speed when passing HMS Barbain engaged in salvage work thus endangering life.

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## The WRACS Practice Carols



## Stole From Bus Passenger

Two bus pickpockets, Lam Cheung, 44, travelling trader, and Fung Kong, unemployed, were sent to prison by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning and the money they had stolen, \$13, said to belong to an unknown woman, was ordered to be kept by the Police for a month pending a claimant.

Evidence was to the effect that a detective noticed the two defendants behaving suspiciously on board a No. 13 route bus which was travelling from Jordan Road Ferry on Monday.

When the bus reached the stop at Prince Edward Road, the detective saw second defendant hand some banknotes to the first defendant. He arrested them and at the Police Station the men confessed they had taken the money from a woman passenger on the bus.

First defendant was sentenced to one month for aiding and abetting as the Magistrate considered he did not take a very active part. Second defendant, who had a previous conviction for a similar offence, was sentenced to six months and banishment.

## Hit Police Officer's Car

Major W. J. Irwin, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, was fined \$20 by Mr Wicks at Kowloon this morning for driving without due care and attention.

Evidence against the accused was that at 9.45 a.m. on August 28 at the junction of Jordan and Nathan Roads his car collided with that of S/S. Innes.

The Police officer's car, it was said, was crossing the junction from Jordan Road when defendant's car, coming down Nathan Road struck the nearside front mudguard of the Inspector's car.

Defendant claimed that he had the right of way, as the Police Officer on duty at the road junction, had signalled him to go ahead.

## Ordination At Cathedral On Xmas Eve

Michael Douglas Goulder, BA, Lay Reader at St John's Cathedral, will be ordained Deacon in the Cathedral at an Ordination service, to be held on Sunday, Christmas Eve, at 11 a.m.

At the same service, James Leslie Chow, M.A., and Henry Hec Leung Kwok, Verger and Clerk of the Cathedral, will be ordained Auxiliary (Honorary) Deacons.

Bishop Hall will officiate and the Presiders will be the Very Rev. A. P. Rose and the Rev. Cheung Shiu Kwai.

The Epistle will be read by the Rev. Canon E. W. L. Martin, Canon Emritus of the Cathedral and Headmaster of St Stephen's College, Stanley.

## Petrol Confiscated

For delivering dangerous goods (four gallons of petrol) for carriage by rail, Chan Yui, 33, a New Territories farmer, was fined \$50 by Mr d'Almeida at Kowloon this morning. The petrol was found in a rafter box during a search at the Tseungwan railway station on Tuesday.

## Mr McIntosh Leaves

Mr D.V. McIntosh, Colonial Commissioner of Police, left Kowloon by BOAC just before 1 p.m. today for Singapore. The plane

## Taking time out from learning to be officers of the Women's Royal Army Corps, these cadets at the Haslemere training school are busy rehearsing carols in readiness for the coming weekend.

## STOLE A BICYCLE

For stealing one bicycle and receiving another Chan Hoi-sung was sentenced to two months and expulsion by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

According to DSI W. M. Chan the accused last Friday bought a bicycle from a clansman for \$30 which had been stolen from outside a house in Pak Tin Village. He later took the bicycle to a shop to have various alterations made. The cycle was worth \$70.

The following day the accused himself stole a bicycle from outside a house in Tai Tit Street and left it outside a food store in Ashley Road while he went to look for a buyer. He was arrested that same afternoon.

Mr Winter ordered the cycles to be returned to their respective owners.

## Charged With Gun Offence

Acting on information, Det. Sub-Ins. J. M. Gurney, officer in charge of the Flying Squad, Police Headquarters, arrested a Chinese at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf yesterday with an automatic pistol in his possession.

He later arrested another unemployed man at Kowloon Trail who was alleged to be connected with the offence.

The two men, Chan Sing, alias Chan Lo-keung, 32, broom maker, and Li Chole, alias Li Yan, 39, were charged before Mr Reynolds at Central this morning with possession of the pistol without a licence from the Commissioner of Police.

The defendants were remanded 48 hours for further enquiries.

## Tried To Avoid Paying Fare

An attractive young Chinese girl appeared before Mr Reynolds at Central this morning to answer a charge of evading payment of tram fare at Des Voeux Road, Central, near Ice House Street yesterday.

She was Lau Wai-king, of No. 195, Hennessy Road, and she was fined \$25 for the offence.

According to Sub-Ins. W. Gillies who prosecuted in the case, the defendant was found without a ticket on board tram No. 26 by a Tramway Inspector. She told the Inspector that her brother is an employee of the Hongkong Tramways and she was under the impression that she could travel free.

## \$2,800 FORFEITED

An order that the sum of \$2,800, which has been involved in the case of Henry Tang alias Tang Chiu, former manager of the Hongkong and China Travel and Transport Service, was made by Mr Reynolds at Central this morning to be forfeited to the Police Fund.

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## Tricked His Student Friend

Twenty-year-old Chan Chun-kit, who stole \$140 and a ten shilling note from his student friend, Wong Ah-to, by sending him out on a false alarm of fire, was charged before Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Ins. J. F. Hill stated that defendant visited his friend at 134 Castle Peak Road on Tuesday night and told his friend there was a fire at the rear of the house. While complainant went out to see, defendant took his wallet which was left in the pocket of a pair of trousers hanging in the house. Defendant took the money from the wallet and left Hongkong. He was arrested when he returned, but the money had been spent.

Mr Winter remanded Chan for two days for enquiries to be made into his circumstances.

## President's Message To Services

Washington, Dec. 20. President Truman expressed the hope today that in the new year the world would come closer to realising its ultimate dream of liberty, justice and freedom.

He told the American Armed Forces in a Christmas message: "This Christmas finds many thousands of you abroad, far from loved ones and the close ties and relationships which add to the spirit and warmth of the holiday season."

"Wherever you serve, your response to heavy duties and responsibilities is proof that your mission, as representatives of a free nation, is to strengthen and to give hope to all who seek peace on earth."

"May the real spirit of Christmas abide with you and may all of us, in concert with all free peoples, come closer in the new year to realising man's ultimate dream of liberty, justice and freedom."

—Reuter.

## Robbery Charge Withdrawn

A charge of robbery at Lo Eu Ngan on November 20 was withdrawn against four employees of the Hongkong Iron Works at Kowloon this morning when Det. Sub-Ins. W. M. Chan informed Mr Winter that the complainant had left the Colony without the knowledge of the Police and was not returning.

The four men, Lam Yuen-chuen, Wong Shing Lam, Pak-hok, alias Lam Pak-yun, and Lam Chung, were alleged to have robbed Lam Mok of \$70, a mah-jong board and a pressure lamp at 6 Cheung Shek Street, Lo Eu Ngan.

They were represented by Mr Y. H. Chan.

## Expensive Habit

Charged with splitting from a Star Ferry, Chan Yan, 25, of 278 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, and Shi-chung, aged 27, of room 111 China Building, absconded themselves from Kowloon Court yesterday.

## Six Years, 10 Strokes For Robbery With Violence

## ACCUSED CHANGES PLEA

Sentence of six years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane was passed by Mr Justice Scholes at the Criminal Sessions this morning on a Chiu Chau (Swatow district) man, Chan Tak, 20, for robbing, with violence, a woman named Fung Tsat, of a gold finger ring in Broadwood Road, Happy Valley, on September 29.

Accused had pleaded not guilty on his arraignment on Monday, but this morning, after Crown Counsel had made his opening address, he changed his plea to one of guilty and asked for leniency.

Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, assisted by Det. Sub-Ins. H. Day, said the woman had been out to buy fireworks which she was carrying home about 2 p.m. on September 29. She walked up Broadwood Road and stopped when she reached a certain point to adjust her load to make her carrying more comfortable.

At this point, two men approached, and one spoke to the woman, asking if she could direct the way to Jardine's Hill. A few moments later she was pushed violently to the ground by the two men, and one rubbed gravel and sand in her face and eyes while the other matched a gold ring from her finger.

While this was happening, the woman called for help and the men bolted in different directions. One ran up the hill while the other ran down the hill. The woman pursued the latter.

At this time a van driven by Joseph Gonzales, of the Hongkong Electric Company, was passing by and Gonzales heard the shouts. He stopped near the woman and she reported what had occurred. Gonzales then drove on, accelerating as he did so, and caught up with the man who was running ahead of the woman. The man, who was breathing heavily, stopped and Gonzales took him back to the spot where the woman stood. She immediately recognised the man (accused) as one of the two who had attacked her.

CHANGES PLEA

When Mr Heenan was about to call his first witness, accused, through the interpreter, indicated he had something to say. This was transmitted to Mr Justice Scholes by Crown

Counsel, and the Jury was asked to retire temporarily.

Accused then said he wished to plead guilty and asked for leniency on the grounds that he had aged parents in the country dependent upon him.

Mr Justice Scholes recalled the nature of his plea, to which accused answered in the affirmative.

After consulting authorities on the position, as his Lordship remarked that accused had been handed over to the charge of the Jury through his original plea, Mr Justice Scholes recalled the Jury and informed them of what accused had said in their absence. He then directed the Jury to return a formal verdict of guilty against accused.

Accused had nothing further to say before sentence was passed.

## Ambulance Brigade

Orders by Comm. A. el Arculli, C.S.I., Commissioner S.T.A.B., Hongkong District, Order No. 50/50 dated Friday December 22.

24.11.50 to 30.11.50, Wanchai "A" Division, 21.11.50 to 01.12.50, Wanchai "B" Division, 01.12.50 to 11.12.50, Wanchai "C" Division, 11.12.50 to 21.12.50, Wanchai "D" Division, 21.12.50 to 31.12.50, Wanchai "E" Division, 31.12.50 to 10.1.51, Wanchai "F" Division, 10.1.51 to 20.1.51, Wanchai "G" Division, 20.1.51 to 30.1.51, Wanchai "H" Division, 30.1.51 to 9.2.51, Wanchai "I" Division, 9.2.51 to 19.2.51, Wanchai "J" Division, 19.2.51 to 29.2.51, Wanchai "K" Division, 29.2.51 to 9.3.51, Wanchai "L" Division, 9.3.51 to 19.3.51, Wanchai "M" Division, 19.3.51 to 29.3.51, Wanchai "N" Division, 29.3.51 to 8.4.51, Wanchai "O" Division, 8.4.51 to 18.4.51, Wanchai "P" Division, 18.4.51 to 28.4.51, Wanchai "Q" Division, 28.4.51 to 8.5.51, Wanchai "R" Division, 8.5.51 to 18.5.51, Wanchai "S" Division, 18.5.51 to 28.5.51, Wanchai "T" Division, 28.5.51 to 7.6.51, Wanchai "U" Division, 7.6.51 to 17.6.51, Wanchai "V" Division, 17.6.51 to 27.6.51, Wanchai "W" Division, 27.6.51 to 7.7.51, Wanchai "X" 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